

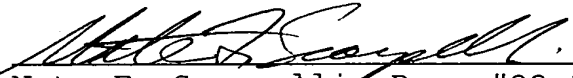
REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment removes multiple dependency from the claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

A timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Nate F. Scarpelli, Reg. #22,320
MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN
6300 Sears Tower
233 S. Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Tel.: (312) 474-6300
Fax: (312) 474-0448

Dated:

Oct. 25, 2001

"10520T" "10520T"

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15 and 16 as follows:

--3. (Amended) The program-distributable combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein the communication device is selected from the group consisting of a modem, a terminal adapter, and a router.--

--4. (Amended) The program-distributable combination weighing apparatus according to [any of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1, further comprising temporary storage means for storing the control program received via the communication medium.--

--7. (Amended) The program-distributable combination weighing apparatus according to [any of Claims 1 to 6] Claim 1, wherein the communication device receives the control program using a protocol selected from the group consisting of TCP/IP, IPX/SPX, NetBEUI, NetBIOS, and AppleTalk.--

1004561-10504
--8. (Amended) The program-distributable combination weighing apparatus according to [any of Claims 1 to 7] Claim 1, wherein the plurality of weighing units are respectively provided with unit control portions, the control program received by the communication device includes unit control programs for controlling the weighing units, and the weighing machine control portion distributes the unit control programs received by the communication device to the respective unit control portions.--

--11. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 9 [or 10], wherein the communication device of the combination weighing apparatus is selected from the group consisting of a modem, a terminal adapter, and a router.--

--12. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to [any of Claims 9 to 11] Claim 9, wherein the combination weighing apparatus further includes temporary storage means for storing the control program received via the communication medium.--

--15. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to [any of Claims 9 to 14] Claim 9, wherein the communication device receives the control program using a protocol selected from the group consisting of TCP/IP,

IPX/SPX, NetBEUI, NetBIOS, and AppleTalk.--

---16. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to [any of Claims 9 to 15] Claim 9, wherein unit control portions for respectively controlling the plurality of weighing units are provided, the control program received by the communication device includes unit control programs for controlling the weighing units, and the weighing machine control portion distributes the unit control programs included in the control program received by the communication device to the respective unit control portions.--

10031561 102501